

Michael McDermott Will Not Be Paying Taxes This Year

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It was only a matter of time, wasn't it? Of course, there will be some screaming on the left for more gun control in wake of the latest shooting spree in Boston.

Perhaps we should rephrase that.

McDermott knew exactly who he was shooting, and apparently why.

Most of the victims worked in the accounting department. Middlesex District Attorney Martha Coakley said the shootings were apparently not random, since the suspect bypassed several people during the rampage.

But, back to more gun control - in a state that's proud of having some of the toughest gun laws in the nation. When the causes of this tragedy become clear, will anyone scream for more IRS control laws?

Heavens no. After all, the need for the government to steal money from people outweighs an accounting department's right to live, doesn't it?

According to the Boston Globe, McDermott had an angry outburst in the company's accounting department last week over the prospect of losing some of his wages, according to an employee who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

To that employee: Not to worry. Michael McDermott will not be paying taxes this year.

I wonder as I write, do the employees at the Internal Revenue Service feel any shame or shock that a person could be driven to this? Could other employees of Edgewater Technology Inc. as well as surviving family members now be just as angry at the IRS for putting someone in this position?

Let's be clear: Walking into work with an AK-47, and shotgun, a semi-auto pistol and gunning down the bean counters isn't exactly the way to 'negotiate' a tax problem. After all, the accounting department didn't force the tax levy. Thus, they should not be killed over someone else's criminal actions.

McDermott should face the stiffest punishment the law allows.

But only when a good, honest look is taken at the Internal Revenue Service as well. For years, this organization has extorted, embezzled, and stolen money from American citizens with virtually nothing to stop them. They will of course say they are blameless, and were just doing their jobs. They of course will accept no responsibility for what happened in Boston the day after Christmas. And, as we all know, the anti-gunners will be calling for a few hundred more laws restricting guns - as if they might serve as a deterrent against murder.

No one will admit it, but what happened in Boston has gone through the minds of many others before him - but those people weren't thinking of their fellow employees. In light of this tragedy, perhaps the next accounting firm might consider taking the position of

the next victim of Treasury Department treachery before simply submitting to an unlawful authority. No. I'm not praising the nutcase who did this. No, I'm not advocating anything. No, I'm not trying to justify it. I'm just dealing with the facts.

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Just my two cents.

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